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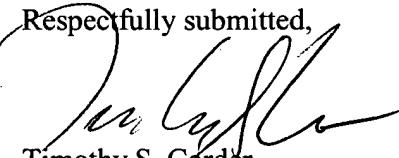
RE: United States Patent Application for "VARIABLE ION HAIR STYLING APPLIANCES" by Michael Cafaro  
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Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 6-page patent specification, 4 figures on 4 sheets. The specification constitutes the application of Michael Cafaro.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor's Declaration, an Assignment, a Power of Attorney, or filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicants requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the United States Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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